

Holy Name Hawk Happenings

In celebration of the French language and culture, interested staff and students had the opportunity to participate in a 'fun-skate' on March 7 and 8 at the Essex Arena. Equipped with all the necessary skating attire (warm clothing, helmets, gloves, skates) and the excitement that this day so rightly deserved, students made their way, on foot, from the school to the arena.

Numerous parents joined in on the fun, supporting their young ones and feeling a bit nostalgic themselves! A great time was had by all! The enjoyment on the faces of the students spoke volumes about the importance of this type of event. Special thanks are in order for the generosity of the arena staff – the organization donated the three scheduled blocks of ice-time used for this 'fun skate'.

In sports news ... The HNS Junior Boys'

Basketball team was 'busy in action' this week, as they participated in two tournaments, showcasing their outstanding skills and talents! The boys (and their entire entourage – coach, parents, supporters) traveled to Queen of Peace Elementary School in Leamington on March 6. There, they faced four different teams. The boys emerged victorious, taking home the pennant as Junior Boys' champs!

The score of the final game was 27-14, in favour of Holy Name. The honour of team MVP was given to Mitchell S. Mitchell H. received the coveted 'Hustler Award' and, for outstanding 'Team Spirit', Matt M. was recognized. The boys each received medals in honour of their participation, excellent effort and successes. Great job, team!

On March 8, the HNS Junior Boys' Basketball team participated in

another school tournament. This time, the boys made their way to Holy Cross Elementary School. There, the team participated in games against an array of talented school teams. Scores of these games were not recorded, however, as the tournament was a friendship tournament, emphasizing sportsmanship and participation rather than competition and 'team standings'. Participating in this 'Friendship Tournament' allowed our Junior Boys to make many new and interesting friendships with students belonging to neighbouring schools in our community. What a terrific experience!

The entire HNS community would like to extend their wishes for a safe, restful, and enjoyable March Break to all! Staff and students ... we'll see you back at school bright, early, and energized on Monday, March 19!



The HNS Junior Boys' Basketball team, along with coach Ms. Montello, proudly display the pennants they received as victors of the Queen of Peace Elementary School Tournament.

Cardinal Carter swimmers compete at OFSAA

Cardinal Carter's swim team traveled to Toronto on March 6 and 7 where they took place in the OFSAA competitions. Two members of the team qualified to compete: Natalie Crowe and Samantha Keller.

Natalie swam her personal best – 2:36 in the 200 metre freestyle event. She also finished 24th in the province.

Samantha qualified for finals in both events. She achieved eighth place in the province

in 50 metre freestyle and went on to finish twelfth place in the 50 metre butterfly event.

These results are especially impressive coming from a smaller school competing against large city schools.

Maplewood Tiger Tales

Music competition on the horizon

BY VICKI VAN GENT

Maplewood Public School is very fortunate to have a great instrumental music program, which is headed by Mr. J. Hencher. Thanks to this music program, many grade seven and eight students will be performing at the Kiwanis Music Festival which takes place in April. Students are playing music in trios, duets and quartets. The groups practise on their own time for weeks ahead and hope to bring home awards as Maplewood musicians have excelled in this festival before. The festival is held in Windsor and takes place over three days each year. Maplewood staff and students would like to wish all participants good luck and ... play your hearts out! Go Tigers!

Basketball season ends

BY AMANDA DESJARDINS

He shoots the ball...he scores! And then the buzzer goes. The crowd goes wild as Maplewood wins their game.

Over the past several weeks, both the senior girls' and senior boys' basketball teams have been practising hard. The senior girls won the consolation championship and the senior boys placed second overall in their last games. What a great way to wrap up the season!

Now we are on to badminton season. During the course of the past week, intermediate students have had the chance to try out for Maplewood's badminton team. The team will be announced after the March Break. More details will come as the season begins.

Science Fair Open House

BY GRACE TESKEY

On Thursday, March 8, Maplewood held its annual Science Fair Open House. Friends and family were invited to this event and their attendance helped to make it one of the greatest open houses yet.

There were several different types of projects on display. They included experiments done with popcorn, toilet paper, hamster mazes and many more. Other projects included a working elevator model, an example of wind-powered energy and a calorie test.

Thank you to our science teacher, Mrs. Henze, for organizing this worthwhile and interesting event!

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